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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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30/10/2008: Members of the Lufthansa Amateur Radio club and DARC club I09 are QRV as A43DLH until November 11 while guests of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society. Activity is on all HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. They plan on using EME as well. They will also be QRV as A43DLH/p from an Omani Scout Camp. QSL via DK7PE. [F5NQL]

30/10/2008: Rick, KI1G will be active as VQ9RD from Diego Garcia Island (AF-006), Chagos Archipelago, between October 30th and November 11th. QSL via home call, direct only or via LoTW - No Bureau Cards. [NG3K]

31/10/2008: Martin/G3ZAY and Michael/G7VJR will be active as GU3ZAY and GU7VJR from Guernsey (EU-114, WLOTA LH-0013) between October 31st and November 2nd. They will use verticals and a small amplifier with activity on SSB and CW. They hope to be QRV on the low bands, if space permits. QSL via G7VJR. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [425 DX News]

31/10/2008: The JA1KJW group plans to be active from Guam Island (OC-026, also count for WLOTA LH-0064) from October 31st to November 3rd on all HF bands, using SSB, CW, RTTY and SSTV. The following operators will be active: KH2/NI2J (QSL via JH1VVW), KH2/AK0J (QSL via JA1KJW), KH2/WH7QL (QSL via JA1XVY), KH2/NV1J (QSL via JA1FUY), KH2/JJ1JGI (QSL via JJ1JGI), KH2/JJ1HKS (QSL via JJ1HKS) and KH2/JF1GUQ (QSL via JF1GUQ). You can QSL direct or via the bureau. [JI6KVR]

31/10/2008: Mat/JA1JQY (YJ0AQY) and Kuni/JA8VE (YJ0AVE) will QRV from Vanuatu, New Hebrides (OC-035), between October 31st and November 6th. They will operate 80m-10m using SSB, CW and possibly RTTY. They will also try 160m. QSL YJ0AQY via JA1JQY. QSL YJ0AVE via JF1OCQ. [JI6KVR]

01/11/2008: Anne, OH2YL plans to be active November 1-8th from Malta (EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA LH-1113) as 9H3YL. QRV all HF bands, using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

01/11/2008: Nicolas, F4EGX, is expected to be active as FT5YI from the French Antarctic scientific base Dumont d'Urville Base (WAP FRA-01), located on Petrel Island (AN-017), during his spare time between November to mid December. QSL via F4EGX. [OPDX Bulletin]

01/11/2008: Gene, K5GE/m plans to be in the following Texas counties on November 1st: Comal, Kendall, Bandera, Medina, Uvalde, Kinney, Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kerr, Gillespie (short time), Kerr and back home. QRV 40 and 20 meters, on the county hunting frequencies. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

01/11/2008: Toshi, JA8BMK will be active as T30XX from Tarawa, West Kiribati (OC-017), from November 1st while waiting to start the voyage to Central Kiribati (T31). QRV all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, BPSK-31 and SSTV. QSL direct to JA8BMK. [425DX News]

01/11/2008: Bob, VK2ABP / VK2MRP will be working at Davis Base (WAP AUS-03, IOTA AN-016), Antarctica, starting around November 1, 2008 until at least March 7, 2009, but could be until December. This is a work related trip so Bob does not know when he will be able to operate on the amateur radio bands. His call sign will be VK0BP (QSL via VK2CA). Updates will be available at: www.vk0bp.org [425 DX News]

01/11/2008: Fernando, XE1MO plans to be active from Albania as ZA1/XE1MO, November 1-9th. QRV 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter SSB only. QSL via home call or via KE5FAH. [NG3K]

04/11/2008: Hugh, K6HFA will be QRV from Manus Island (P29, OC-025) from November 4-9th. [425 DX News]

05/11/2008: Mike, RL3BM is heading to Phu Quoc Island (AS-128), Vietnam, for a family vacation from November 5-13th. The call sign will be XV4BM. Planned activity is for CW and SSB on 80-10 meters, holiday-style. QSL via RL3BM (QRZ.com). [UA4CC]

06/11/2008: Markus/DL9RCF, Hartmut/DM5TI, Uwe/DL9NDS and Chris/DL5NAM will be active in the WAE RTTY Contest (November 8-9th) from the station of 9K2HN. Before and after contest (November 6-17th) they will focus on the WARC bands using RTTY, SSB and CW. QSL via 9K2HN (see: www.9k2hn.com). Online log search at: www.logsearch.de [NG3K]

06/11/2008: Look for J3/DL7CM (Hans) and J3/DM2AYO (Sid) to be active from the island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA LH-0718), November 6-25th. They will operate 160-6m CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK with 700W amplifiers. They will have a yagi for high bands and a groundplane for the low bands. QSL via home calls. [NG3K]

06/11/2008: Helmut/DL5DSM and Norbert/DJ7JC will be active as VU3NLG and VU3NLF, respectively, from Panjim, Goa, India, from November 6-14th. Activity is expected on all bands 160-10m using CW, SSB, BPSK and RTTY. QSL via their home call signs. [QRZ.com]

06/11/2008: Operators JA3AVO, JH3PBL, JA3ARJ and JA3UJR will be active as XU7AVO, XU7PBL, XU7ARJ XU7UJR, respectively, from Sihanoukville [Kampong Som], Cambodia, from November 6-11th. QSL via home calls. [OPDX Bulletin]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

09/11/2008: Ian G3YBY / F5VKT will be active as V8FKT from November 9th-21st. Activity will be mainly SSB and RTTY on 40m to 15m using 100W to elevated verticals. QSL via G3YBY. [NG3K]

19/11/2008: Dave, 3DA0VM will be active from the Hawane Resort, Swaziland, from November 19-23rd. Activity on 40-10 meters, SSB only. QSL direct (see 3DA0VM on QRZ.com). [NG3K]

19/11/2008: Operators Roger/W7VV, Ralph/VE7XF and Brian/N9ADG will be active from the VP5JM Hamlet, located on Providenciales (NA-002) from November 19th to December 3rd, including a Multi-Single entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as VP5W. Outside the contest they will be QRV 160-6m using VP5/homecall. QSL via home calls. QSL VP5W via W7TSQ. [NG3K]

21/11/2008: Lee, K5UN will be operating as TO5X from the QTH of Laurent, FM5BH located in Ducos, Martinique Island (IOTA NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA LH-1041), from November 21-30th, including an entry in the

CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). Outside the contest look for activity on all bands 160-10m and modes. QSL via K5UN, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

22/11/2008: Hans-Peter, HB9BXE will be active as XV4BX from Phu Quoc Island (AS-128), Vietnam, from November 22-30th, including a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). Outside the contest he will be QRV 160-10 meters, mainly CW, with 100 Watts into vertical and wire antennas. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

23/11/2008: 5J0T and HK0/HK3JJH plan to be active from Bajo Nuevo (NA-132) between November 23rd and December 2nd. The DXpedition will focus on low band operation, especially 160 meters. Operators mentioned are George/AA7JV, Tomi/HA7RY, Pedro/HK3JJH and Fero/HA8MT. The group will operate two stations from 160 to 6m. QSL 5J0T via HA7RY either direct or via bureau. QSL HK0/HK3JJH via home call, direct or bureau. Further information and log search at: www.5j0t.com/ [K1XN]

25/11/2008: John, OH3SR will be active as OH3SR/VP9 from the QTH of VP9GE located in Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005, WLOTA LH-0201, WW Loc. FM72PI), between November 25th and December 2nd. John also plans a casual entry in CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). Outside the contest John will be QRV 160-2m, holiday-style operation, using SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

29/11/2008: Champ, E21EIC will be active in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th), as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry from Bangkok, Thailand. QSL via direct is preferred, but bureau ok. [NG3K]

29/11/2008: Valery/RD3AF, Alex/RZ3AZ and Willy/UA9BA will be active as EF8M from Las Palmas, Grand Canary Island (AF-004, DIE S-005, WLOTA LH-0969) for the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via OH1RY, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

29/11/2008: Bob, GU4YOX will be active from Guernsey (EU-114, WLOTA LH-0013) as a Single-Op/Single-Band 40m/Low-Power entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). QSL via QRZ.com. [NG3K]

29/11/2008: Joel, KG6DX will be active from Guam (OC-026, WLOTA LH-0064) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th), as a Sinlge-Op/All-Band/High-Power/A entry. QSL direct (QRZ.com). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

29/11/2008: Gord, VE6SV will be QRV as VC6R from Alberta, Canada (CQ Zone 04), during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th), as a Multi-? entry. QSL via VE6SV, direct or bureau.

29/11/2008: Radio Club Nikola Tesla, Z37M will be active in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are Z31MM, Z32ID, Z35T, Z35X and Z36W. QSL direct (QRZ.com) or via the bureau. [NG3K]

01/03/2009: Harry, W6DXO will be active as W6DXO/C6A from South Andros Island, Bahamas (NA 001), March 1-7th. Activity will be holiday-style with focus on the WARC bands as propagation allows. QSL via home call. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

08/11/2008: The RC des Fagnes (F5KDB) will air the special call sign TM90AA to commemorate the 90th anniversay of the armistice of the war 1914/1918 from November 8-21st. QSL via the bureau to F5SPW, or direct to F4FIU. [UBA HF News]

31/10/2008: During the weekend of the Llandudno Radio Rally, the Eddystone User Group call signs G3EUG and G7EUG will be aired from atop the Great Orme at Llandudno. Using the special event club prefix of "GC", will provide the rare call signs of GC3EUG on 80m and GC7EUG on 40m. Operation will be on Friday October 31st and Sunday November 2nd from about 0900z with AM on 3605 kHz for an hour followed by LSB on about 3710 kHz, both days. [Southgate ARC]

31/10/2008: Special event station GB617SQN will be aired from October 31st to November 27th to commemorate the 64th Anniversary of the sinking of the battleship "Tirpitz" on November 12, 1944. The raid that sunk the battleship was conducted by planes from the 617th Squadron. The station will be operating on all bands and various modes. [UBA HF News]

31/10/2008: Special event station ON55INR will be aired from October 31st to December 31st to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the first Belgium TV Broadcast in 1953. QSL all bands, using SSB, CW and digital modes. A special QSL will be sent for each QSO via the bureau. [UBA HF News]

01/11/2008:
The ISWL Club Callsigns in use during November 2008 will be:

GX4BJC /A - Operated from Healing, in North East Lincolnshire, England, by Cliff - G4YHP. (ISWL Honorary Treasurer and Monitor magazine Editor). (/A WAB Square = TA21-LNE & IOTA = EU-005).

MS1SWL /A & MS1SWL /P - Operated /A from Annan, in Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland, by John - GM6LYJ. (/A WAB Square = NY16-DUM & IOTA = EU-005).

The ISWL's WAB Book numbers are: 16316 and 16724.

All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc
NO LOTW!

ISWL Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk for full details.

eQSL.cc cards ARE accepted for our awards. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/11/2008: Special event station IY1EY will be active November 1-9th from Loano, Italy, to commemorate the experiments conducted by Guglielmo Marconi from his yacht "Elettra" between 1919 and 1936. Expect activity on all bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK-31. Special QSL via IK1QBT. [425 DX News]

01/11/2008: On November 9th 2008, 20 navigators will set sails aboard their monohulls, heading towards the three great capes, marking the southern tips of the African continent, Australia and America. The Vendee Globe will start, for the 6th time, from the harbour of Les Sables d'Olonne, where it first began. At this occasion, the Radio Club Vendeen is organizing a special activity around the race. The team which consists of Bernard/F9IE, Patrice/F8BON, Roger, Pat/F6ACD, Jean-Claude/F6AQI, Jean-Louis/F6CVK, Alain/F5HPY, Lucien/F5RFS, Philippe/F5TRO and Eric/F4LJW will sign TM6VG from November 1st to 15th.

They will be QRV both HF 160-10m, included WARC bands, and 2m VHF, using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via F6KUF. [F5NQL]

01/11/2008: Radio amateurs from Latvia will be using the special event prefix YL90 for the entire month of November. This is to celebrate the 90th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Latvia. The Republic of Latvia was proclaimed on November 18, 1918. [OPDX Bulletin]

01/11/2008: Marq, CT1BWW will operate as CQ4IPY from November 1-7th to celebrate the 4th International Polar Year. Activity will be on 10-80 meter SSB, CW, PSK-31, RTTY and SSTV. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information on the activity and the relevant award can be found at cq4ipy.bravehost.com [425 DX News]

01/11/2008: On November 1st and 2nd special Spanish stations will be active on all modes and bands from the city of Mataro 40km NE of Barcelona. The call sign used will be EH3MB. This is to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Railway line between Mataro and Barcelona. At the same time other stations will be active from Barcelona using the EH3BM, from the "Estaci?n de Francia". QSL via EA3APS, direct or by the bureau. [F5NQL]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

31/10-02/11 GU3ZAY: Guernsey Island (main) WLOTA:0013 QSL G3ZAY (d/b)
31/10-02/11 GU7VJR: Guernsey Island (main) WLOTA:0013 QSL G7VJR (d/b)
31/10-03/11 KH2/AK0J: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JA1KJW (d/b)
31/10-03/11 KH2/JF1GUQ: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL HC (d/b)
31/10-03/11 KH2/JJ1HKS: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL HC (d/b)
31/10-03/11 KH2/JJ1JGI: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL HC (d/b)
31/10-03/11 KH2/NI2J: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JH1VVW (d/b)
31/10-03/11 KH2/NV1J: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JA1FUY (d/b)
31/10-03/11 KH2/WH7QL: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JA1XVY (d/b)
01/11-08/11 9H3YL: Malta Island WLOTA:1113 QSL OH2YL (d/b)
06/11-25/11 J3/DL7CM: Grenada Island WLOTA:0718 QSL HC (d/b)
06/11-25/11 J3/DM2AYO: Grenada Island WLOTA:0718 QSL HC (d/b)
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SIX METERS & UP -

(FP) SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON
Eric, KV1J is planning to return to Miquelon Island for the ARRL SSB DX Contest. This time his 14 year old son Matthew, W1MAT will not be going as he will be in school. Eric will be staying at the Motel de Miquelon (formerly Maxotel) from March 4-9, 2009. During the contest he will be single-op all-band low power. Outside the test look for him on 3.5 to 50 MHz on SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK-31. Eric has a Website that he will post any updates to at: kv1j.com/fp/March09.html . QSL via KV1J direct, via the bureau and LOTW. [MMMonVHF]

(V5) NAMIBIA
VHF DXpedition to Namibia is presently in the final planning stages. Although not yet 100% confirmed, it is most likely that the operation will be from Luderitz and will concentrate on VHF with all authorized bands and modes active. Moonbounce, meteor scatter and satellite operation are planned on the amateur bands from 50 to 1296MHz.

Further information to follow from Hal, ZS6WB.
Dates: January 5 - 18, 2009
Activity in MS, EME
Bands: 50-144-432-1296
Callsign: To be announced. [MMMonVHF]

The UKSMG Summer Contest 2008 Results are now available at www.uksmg.org/page.php?40. There is a comments section at the bottom of this page so you can submit your own comments regarding the contest or your experences, photos etc. [MMMonVHF]

GOT6??? - 6M Information by Andy, N8OFS (Updated October 31, 2008) at:
www.noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt
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QSL INFO -

Serge, F6AML reports that all the TY6A cards received directly up to October 28, 2008 have been answered and mailed.

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
4W6R - Timor Leste 2008 Operation
9N7BN - Nepal 2007 Operation
EP3BN - Iran 2008 Operation
TN5SN - Congo (still QRV)
TN5MM - Congo (still QRV)
YI9PT - Iraq 2008 Operation
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

QSLs received Bureau - 9X0R, 9N7BCC, BW0IR, CT/EA7TV/p (EU-145), DH9YPA/p (EU-042), DM1DZ/HI7, E21YDP/p (AS-126), JW9DFA, MJ/DH8WLA, MM0LON, OQ5M, TM5F (EU-095), UE6LHT, VY0TA and XO0TA (NA-047), YI9RKB, YU2A and YZ7AA.

QSLs received Direct - 9K2/SP4R, A45WG, HR9/WQ7R, HV50VR, K7A (NA-042), KL7DX (NA-234), KP4/NY6X, R1ANR, R1FJT, TF/DJ2VO, YI9WV and ZF1DX.

QSLs received LoTW - A22AA, EY8MM, IC8/OE1MHL, TF/M0BLF, VK9AA, XE1CT, YB0ECT and YW5T.
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SILENT KEYS -

George C. Stone, VE6GCS of Strathmore, Alberta, Canada, has been reported a Silent Key at the age of 85, on October 24, 2008.
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BITS & PIECES -

CY0 - SABLE ISLAND
A report from the CY0X Dxpedition team of their recent activation of Sable Island in June - July 2008. can be found at:
www.uksmg.org/download.php?view.46 [N8OFS]

EI - IRELAND
After a long process the first of the 5 MHz licenses were issued to EI stations on Friday, October 17th.
Three 3kHz channels with centre frequencies of 5280, 5400 and 5405 kHz.
[Southgate ARC]

GU - GURNSEY
A quick report plus EME log is now online for MU/DH7FB and MU/DF2ZC at:
www.df2zc.de/hamradioresults/dxp/guernsey2008/index.html

LX - LUXEMBURG
Amateurs in Luxemburg may apply for a call sign with a 4 letter suffix for a few months now and Andy, LX1DA who is an avid RTTY operator fulfills his wish and will change his special call LX8DL to LX8RTTY on January 1, 2009. His regular callsign LX1DA is still valid.

VK9 - WILLIS ISLAND
VK9DWX News #13 - 30.10.2008

The "VK9DWX Willis Island DXpedition 2008" is history.

We closed the log with more than 95,000 QSOs (that?s our first merger of all logs except the VK9DWX/mm qsos during the voyage). A great adventure full of unforgettable moments and sweet memories lays behind us. We enjoyed a beautiful time of ham radio operation and are very happy of being able to serve so many hams around the world with a new one or at least with new and additional bandpoints for the DXCC.

We enjoyed nice and trusty fellowship within our team. Our two rookies Josh, W4WJF, and Rhy, ZS6DXB turned out to be a real surprise for us: They not only slipped into the team very easily but they also shouldered the operating burden in amazingly good performance, they became a valuable support for the DXpedition.

After 10 days of operation we welcome the sailing boat "Rum Runner" which brought us new supplies (food and fuel) as well as the exchange of our rookies: Josh had to leave and Rhy was coming to replace him. Also our DXpedition visitor Gerd, DK2JW, came in as well as Dale, VK4DMC, our valuable, trusty and very important support in Australia. They were very happy to have solid ground under their feet again, because the voyage was somewhat rough and not a real pleasure. We spent a nice evening with exiting talks and a few cool beers. They stayed over night with us on the island. Next morning it was time to say good bye, because the "Rum Runner" went back to Cairns.

Operation on this DXpedition was a real challenge to everyone:

Fresh to strong winds every day, some days so powerful that the tents were threatened to be blown away or at least heavily damaged. High tide climbed the beaches often higher than expected and swept over the feed points of the arrays, (perfect ground conductivity at least !!) disordering the radial system completely. Turtles are really heavy (some 75 kg!) and snagged the coax or other cable from time to time, but fortunately caused no major trouble with that. Hundreds (or were it thousands ??) of different birds, screaming (and smelling !!) all day and night and whom you might have noticed as the background noise in our SSB-QSOs. Small crabs, flies and moths were perennial companions in our tents, but surprisingly they did not bite at all. Day after day the sun poured down and let the temperature soar to 35 to 40 degrees Celsius in the tents. Unfortunately we could not open tents due to the wind and the brightness of the sunlight: We simply would not have seen anything on the laptop-screens anymore. Fans were only of little help and not a real relief. In spite of these unfavourable conditions, the equipment worked to our satisfaction. No major faults to mention. Only internet access was limited to several hours a day, which made it impossible to update the log in shorter periods.

Food was cooked on the MV Floreat daily and supplied to us day by day. A great hug to our chef Susy who did a marvellous job in feeding the team with delicious meals and perfect sandwiches as well as fresh fruit most of the days. MV Floreat?s skipper Marcus Oke inspected the weather forecast very thoroughly, took the development of wind and waves as well as the tide in consideration and came to the conclusion that Sunday would be the best choice for ferrying our material safely from the beach to the ship. Safety of all our members first and the material second was our biggest concern and we would never doubt the decision of our experienced skipper.

So - sad to say - but we had to finish the CQWW SSB Contest already by Sunday morning.

We took down all the 4 squares, vertical, and Vertical-Array-Dipoles (VDAs) which served us as trusty companions throughout our DX-pedition and made these many contacts possible. To tear down the whole stuff turned out to be much easier than erecting it. We began very early in the morning - just on sunrise - to get most of the job done before the tropical sun would burn out our brains. It was a perfect manoeuvre, everyone knew what to do. We packed all material in boxes, pelicases and Skipper Marcus took all the stuff safely back to the MV Floreat. We did not miss a single item and nothing got wet at all. So we managed to finish the complete work already by early afternoon.

Once we were all back on the ship, the MV Floreat hoisted the anchors and headed east back to Cairns. We waved a last Good Bye to the island each of us with his own personal memories, leaving thousands of boobies, frigatebirds, hermitcrabs and green turtles in their ancestral environment.

After Norfolk Island in 2007 as VK9DNX we are very happy having performed a new adventure with VK9DWX now in 2008. We enjoyed it very much and hope that we could meet at least part of your expectations. May be not every one could make it into our log. We are sorry for that and hope that there will be a next chance for you soon.

We thank you very much for your cooperation and your understanding during times of heavy pile-ups and difficult traffic, especially on the low bands.

Thanks also to the many ham radio operators and other sponsors (like Ham Radio-clubs, Societies and Foundations) from all over the world who helped us with small and bigger financial contributions. Bringing this all together makes a DXpedition like ours not only feasible but also rather successful.

Good Bye Willis!
Thank you for this once in a lifetime adventure.

The VK9DWX Operation Team DJ5IW, DJ7EO, DJ9RR, DL1MGB, DL3DXX, DL5LYM, DL8OH, DL8WPX, SP5XVY, W4WJF, ZS6DXB.

P.S.

When entering Cairns harbour after a smooth journey, Dale, VK4DMC already awaited us with his car and trailer and helped us to unload the MV Floreat. We sorted out everything which was to stay in Australia and which was to send back to Germany by cargo-spediton. In the evening we in invited the MV Floraet?s Crew (Marcus, Gordon and Susy) as well as

Dale, VK4DMC for dinner. We dined in a fashionable steakhouse overlooking Cairns? harbour in a stunning view and enjoyed a beautiful farewell dinner with those, who gave us so much support and help and made this DXpedition to come true.

Online-Log / QSO statistics -
We are very sorry that in the last days of operation the online log was not available. Due to a crash of the database on our server we were not able to fix it from the island (not at a rate of 6 EUR/MByte...). But now the online log is available again and also the QSO statistics.

Donations Update -
We were very happy to see so many donations being sent from all over the world to support our DXpedition. Nearly most of them are online in our sponsor list. If anyone misses his donation please contact us via our contact form.

Online QSL Request System -
Our Online QSL Request System (OQRS) is available now. Please support us, help to minimize our workload and use this OQRS. There you can choose between direct QSL card and bureau QSL card.
The advantages for you:
- No need to send your QSL card (directly or via bureau)
- Don't loose any money with direct post, just transfer your donation online
- Get your QSL card earlier than through the oldfashioned way

The advantage for us:
- Much less work!

We will not offer any spectacular QSL card! We will offer a fast QSL service! Remember VK9DNX? Exactly one month after we returned home from DXpedition we got our QSL cards from the printer. And only a few weeks later the first direct QSL cards were on the way to their recipients. And exactly this QSL service we want to offer again.

So please help us and try to request your QSL card online and help to make a good service better. Thank you! [AD1C]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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